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Durum wheat production in California is forecast at 158 thousand tons, double the production of 2014. Harvested acres are estimated at 50 thousand, with a yield of 3.15 tons per acre.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 44,154 thousand tons, up 7 percent from 2014. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 1.30 tons per acre, up 2 percent from last year. Expected grain area is forecast at 33,838 thousand acres, up 5 percent from last year.

## PACIFIC REGION WHEAT FORECAST

California farmers are expected to produce 420 thousand tons of winter wheat, down 3 percent from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 200 thousand, resulting in a yield of 2.10 tons per acre.

The United States estimate for durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 10, 2015.

### WHEAT FORECAST 1/

Crop and Location		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
<b>WINTER</b>	California	180	200	2.40	2.10	432	420
	UNITED STATES	32,304	33,838	1.28	1.30	41,326	44,154
<b>DURUM</b>	California	25	50	3.15	3.15	79	158
	Arizona	72	124	3.33	2.82	240	350
	UNITED STATES	1,337		1.19		1,593	

1/ Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun. Area harvested for the United States and remaining States will be published in Small Grains 2015 Summary. Yield and production will be published in Crop Production released July 2015.

## CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES – MARCH 2015

March prices received by California farmers decreased from February for fall potatoes and dry edible beans. There was insufficient data to publish a price for barley, spring potatoes and cottonseed. Data for wheat and upland cotton lint were not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.

## HAWAII TARO PRODUCTION

Hawaii taro production for the 2014 crop year is estimated at 3.24 million pounds, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 5 percent from the previous year. Area in crop, at 360 acres, is down 10 percent from 2013. This is the lowest acreage since 2005.

### AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS a/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015
		Dollars					
Corn 3/	Tons	---	---	---	161.43	135.36	136.07
Wheat 3/	Tons	2/	2/	2/	224.67	196.33	190.00
Oats 3/	Tons	---	---	---	258.13	192.50	181.88
Barley 3/	Tons	2/	3/	3/	247.50	217.08	199.17
Sorghum Grain 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	8.24	7.86	8.00
Rice 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	16.40	12.90	12.40
Dry Edible Beans 3/	Cwt.	54.60	69.20	59.80	38.10	32.40	33.80
All Potatoes	Cwt.	9.95	9.50	9.40	9.47	8.91	9.21
Spring	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	9.95	9.50	9.40	---	---	---
Upland Cotton Lint 3/	Lbs	2/	2/	2/	0.817	0.574	0.599
Cottonseed	Tons	---	3/	---	---	196.00	---

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.

3/ Insufficient data to establish a price.

## U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The March Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 102, based on 2011=100, increased 3 points (3.0 percent) from February. At 86, the March Crop Production Index is up 1 point (1.2 percent). At 117, the Livestock Production Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for broilers, eggs, cattle, and oranges but lower prices for milk, wheat, soybeans, and apples. In addition to prices, the indexes are impacted by the five-year average monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of cattle, strawberries, calves, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cotton, soybeans, and hay.

The Prices Received Index is down 9 points (8.1 percent) from March 2014. The Food Commodities Index, at 110, increased 3 points (2.8 percent) from the previous month but decreased 12 points (9.8 percent) from March 2014.

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW), at 110 (2011=100), is up 1 point (0.9 percent) from February but is unchanged from March 2014. Higher prices in March for feeder cattle, hay & forages, gasoline, and field crop seeds more than offset lower prices for complete feeds, nitrogen, other services, and supplements.

**Crop Production:** The March index, at 86, increased 1.2 percent from February but is 9.5 percent below March 2014. Index increases for vegetable & melon, fruit & tree nut, and other crop production more than offset the index decrease for food grain production.

**Feed grain:** The March index, at 64, is unchanged from last month but is 16 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.81 per bushel, is up 2 cents from last month but is down 71 cents from March 2014. At \$8.00 per cwt, sorghum grain is 14 cents above February but 24 cents below March a year earlier.

**Food grain:** At 82, the index for March is 2.4 percent lower than the previous month and 17 percent below a year earlier. The March price for all wheat, at \$5.70 per bushel, is down 19 cents from February and is \$1.04 below March 2014.

**Oilseed:** At 79, the index for March is unchanged from February but is 27 percent lower than March 2014. The soybean price, at \$9.84 per bushel, decreased 8 cents from February and is \$3.86 below March a year earlier.

**Fruit and tree nut:** The March index, at 128, is up 3.2 percent from February and 2.4 percent higher than a year earlier. The price increase during March for oranges more than offset the price decrease for apples.

**Vegetable and melon:** At 95, the index for March is up 9.2 percent from the previous month but is down 2.1 percent from March 2014. Price increases during March for lettuce and broccoli more than offset price declines for tomatoes and sweet corn.

**Other crop:** The March index, at 83, is up 3.8 percent from the previous month but is 11 percent below March 2014. The all hay price, at \$160 per ton, is up \$5.00 from February but is \$10.00 lower than March 2014. At 59.9 cents per pound, the price for upland cotton is up 2.5 cents from February but is 21.8 cents below March 2014.

**Livestock Production:** The index for March, at 117, is 2.6 percent above the previous month but is down 8.6 percent from March a year earlier. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, calves, and market eggs. Prices for milk, hogs, and broilers are down from a year earlier. Turkey prices are unchanged.

**Meat animal:** At 127, the March index is up 1.6 percent from the previous month but is 0.8 percent lower than a year earlier. At \$50.30 per cwt, the March hog price is down 10 cents from February and \$31.60 lower than a year earlier. The March beef cattle price of \$160 per cwt is up \$1.00 from the previous month and \$12.00 higher than March 2014.

**Dairy:** The index for March, at 83, is down 1.2 percent from the previous month and 34 percent lower than March a year earlier. The March all milk price of \$16.60 per cwt is down 20 cents from February and \$8.50 from March 2014.

**Poultry and egg:** At 133, the March index is up 12 percent from February but is 0.7 percent below 2014. The March market egg price, at \$1.41 per dozen, increased 29.0 cents from February and is 36.0 cents above March 2014. The March broiler price, at 59.0 cents per pound, is up 5.0 cents from February but is 6.0 cents below a year earlier. At 68.3 cents per pound, the March turkey price is up 1.4 cents from the previous month but is unchanged from 2014.

**INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES**

Index	2011 Base		
	Mar 2014 (Percent)	Feb 2015 (Percent)	Mar 2015 (Percent)
Agricultural Production	111	99	102
Crop Production	95	85	86
Grains and oilseed	88	73	72
Feed grain	76	64	64
Food grain	99	84	82
Oilseed	108	79	79
Fruit and nut	125	124	128
Commercial vegetable	97	87	95
Other crop	93	80	83
Livestock Production	128	114	117
Meat animal	128	125	127
Cattle	131	142	144
Hog	123	76	76
Dairy	125	84	83
Poultry and egg	134	119	133
Food Commodity	122	107	110

## SPRING POTATOES

California spring potato production is forecast at 9.8 million cwt, down 16 percent from last year. Harvest had begun in some areas and yields were reportedly lower than in past years.

8 percent decrease from the March intentions. Area for harvest is forecast at 66,000 acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The average yield forecast, at 304 cwt per acre, is down 14 cwt from 2014.

Nationally, production for 2015 is forecast at 20.1 million cwt, down 11 percent from 2014. Planted area is forecast at 67,000 acres, an

### SPRING POTATOES

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Arizona	3.5	3.5	310	285	1,085	998
California	24.8	23.8	470	410	11,656	9,758
Florida	29.3	26.6	240	250	7,032	6,650
North Carolina	13.5	12.1	210	220	2,835	2,662
UNITED STATES	71.1	66.0	318	304	22,608	20,068

## HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

Stocks of hay on California farms as of May 1, 2015 totaled 320 thousand tons. This is 18 percent of the December 1 stocks and is over twice as the amount in May 1, 2014.

May 1 hay stocks levels were record-lows in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2015 totaled 24.5 million tons, up 28 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015 totaled 67.5 million tons, compared with 70.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

May 1 hay stocks were up from the previous year as improved weather conditions in 2014 led to larger production totals in many States. However, the eastern third of the Nation saw declines in stocks levels in a number of States. Notable declines occurred in the Northeast where winter conditions persisted into early April requiring additional supplemental feeding.

### HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1		May 1	
	2013	2014	2014	2015
	1,000 Tons			
Arizona	200	320	35	40
California	1,900	1,750	140	320
Nevada	650	751	45	230
Oregon	1,700	1,640	210	375
Utah	1,250	1,190	300	430
UNITED STATES	89,304	92,052	19,176	24,517

## HAY PRICES

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	215.00	200.00	200.00	210.00	195.00	165.00
California	Tons	230.00	190.00	190.00	200.00	170.00	160.00
Idaho	Tons	195.00	180.00	170.00	170.00	165.00	160.00
Nevada	Tons	229.00	225.00	215.00	217.00	200.00	210.00
Oregon	Tons	225.00	220.00	210.00	180.00	200.00	185.00
Utah	Tons	175.00	180.00	170.00	140.00	145.00	135.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	193.00	172.00	172.00	142.00	127.00	136.00

## 2014 COTTON PRODUCTION

California farmers produced 214,000 bales (480 lb. net weight) of Upland cotton in 2014, 36 percent less than the 333,000 bales produced in 2013. Harvested acreage, at 56,000, was 39 percent below the 92,000 acres harvested the previous year. The average yield was 1,834 pounds per acre, 97 pounds above 2013.

American-Pima producers planted 155,000 acres, down 17 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 154,000 acres, is down 17 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 500,000 bales (480-pound), down 18 percent from last year. The average yield is estimated at 1,558 pounds per acre, down 16 pounds from 2013.

All cotton production is estimated at 16.3 million 480-pound bales, up 26 percent from the 2013 crop. The United States yield for all cotton is estimated at 838 pounds per acre, up 17 pounds from the previous year and the fourth highest yield on record. Record high

yields are estimated in Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Upland cotton production is estimated at 15.8 million 480-pound bales, up 28 percent from the 2013 crop. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 826 pounds per acre, up 24 pounds from 2013.

America Pima production is estimated at 566,400 bales (480-pounds), down 11 percent from 2013. The United States yield is estimated at 1,432 pounds per acre, down 95 pounds from the previous season.

United States cottonseed production in 2014 totaled 5.13 million tons, up 22 percent from the previous year. Sales to oil mills accounted for 48 percent of the disposition. The remaining 52 percent will be used for seed, feed, exports, and various other uses.

### COTTON AND COTTONSEED

Commodity Item		Unit	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
			2013	2014	2013	2014
<b>UPLAND COTTON:</b>	Acres Planted	1,000 Acres	93.0	57.0	10,206.0	10,845.0
	Acres Harvested	1,000 Acres	92.0	56.0	7,345.0	9,157.0
	Yield	Lbs./Acre	1,737	1,834	802	826
	Production 1/	1,000 Bales	333.0	214.0	12,275.0	15,753.0
	Price 2/	Cents/Lb.	90.5	87.5	77.9	61.8
	Value 2/ 3/	1,000 Dollars	144,655	98,700	4,668,229	4,625,841
<b>AMERICAN-PIMA COTTON:</b>	Acres Planted	1,000 Acres	187.0	155.0	201.0	192.4
	Acres Harvested	1,000 Acres	186.0	154.0	199.4	189.8
	Yield	Lbs./Acre	1,574	1,558	1,527	1,432
	Production 1/	1,000 Bales	610.0	500.0	634.2	566.4
	Price 2/	Cents/Lb.	172.0	157.0	172.0	157.0
	Value 2/ 3/	1,000 Dollars	503,616	391,872	523,276	443,179
<b>COTTONSEED:</b>	Production	1,000 Tons	355.0	276.0	4,203.0	5,125.0
	Sales to Oil Mills	1,000 Tons	78.0	49.0	2,070.0	2,459.0
	Other Farm Disposition 4/	1,000 Tons	277.0	227.0	2,133.0	2,666.0
	Used for Planting 4/ 5/	1,000 Tons	1.7	1.2	68.9	55.8
	Price	Dollars/Ton	372.0	330.0	246.0	194.0
	Value	1,000 Dollars	132,060	96,360	1,054,003	1,055,449
	Value of Sales to Oil Mills	1,000 Dollars	29,016	16,170	509,220	477,046

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ For 2014, based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014.

3/ Value based on 480-lb. net weight bale.

4/ Includes plantings seed, feed, exports, inter-farm sales, shrinkage, losses, and other uses.

5/ Seed for planting is produced in crop year shown, but used in the following year.